



COVID-19 Guidance for Voters

What should voters do to protect themselves and others from COVID-19?

The Arkansas Department of Health encourages those who can early vote or vote absentee to do so. You may contact your County Clerk's office for specific information regarding early voting. For those who plan to vote on election day, the following measures are recommended:

- **Practice Social Distancing**—Voters should be using appropriate social distancing practices. These include:
 - Maintain a 6-foot separation while waiting in line and voting
 - Cough into your sleeve or cover your mouth with a Kleenex or handkerchief when you sneeze or cough
 - Wash your hands often and use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when water and soap are not available
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
 - Vote when there are smaller number of voters present if possible

What are Poll Workers doing to protect Voters from COVID-19?

Poll workers will be practicing the same social distancing requirements as voters. They may be wearing facemasks, washing their hands/using alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and will be disinfecting the polling machines after each use. They will not come to work if they are sick. They will provide hand sanitizer or wipes for use after voting.

Can I still vote if I am feeling ill?

Yes, the 26th Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibits federal and state governments from denying someone 18 years of age or older the right to vote. Therefore, ill persons will be allowed to vote. However, the public health practices outlined above will be necessary to prevent the spread of illness.

Additional Resources:

Arkansas Department of Health COVID-19 website:

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/novel-coronavirus>

United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>



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